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YOUTH SERVICES



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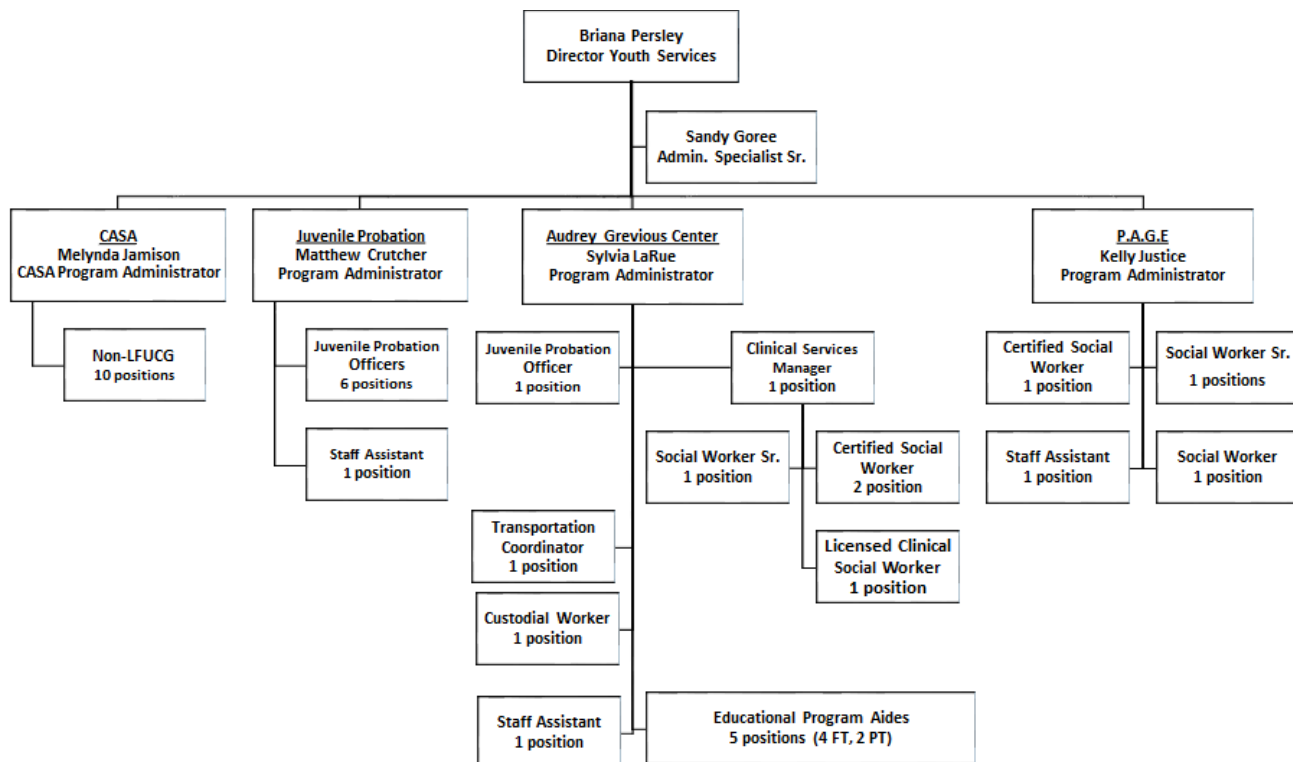


MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR



"Children and youth are our future. Their struggles today don't always define their tomorrow. It is our job in Youth Services to ensure that both youth and their families have the tools needed for success!"

Briana Persley
Director of Youth Services



The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Youth Services has been providing services to children and their families since 1928. Our services are designed to serve vulnerable youth and their families, assist them with navigating the juvenile justice system, and to work through meeting the developmental needs of youth. By removing barriers, we ensure their success into adulthood. Today, our four core services reflect the continuing, if not more critical, needs of our community.

ABOUT US

Youth Services provides specialized casework services to families facing disruptions, but that seek to improve their home, school, and community life. Families who are residents of Fayette County with children under 18 years of age are eligible for services.

Families may request services or they may be ordered by the court. Families who request services must be willing to participate during all phases of service delivery. **There are no fees for services provided.**

The Mission: To provide quality services to the community by providing personnel and comprehensive programs committed to the core values of our agency.

Youth Services operates four major programs:

1. Audrey Grevious Center
2. CASA of Lexington
3. Juvenile Probation & Court Services
4. Parent And Guardian Empowerment



AUDREY GREVIOUS CENTER

Location:

1177 Harry Sykes Way
Lexington, Ky. 40504

Phone: (859) 246-4370

Our mission:

To provide therapeutic interventions to court ordered youth in Fayette County while providing an educational setting that encourages improving academic achievement, positive behavior change, and life skills needed to remain in the community without additional court involvement.

Note: When possible, the Audrey Grevious Center accepts youth on a voluntary basis.

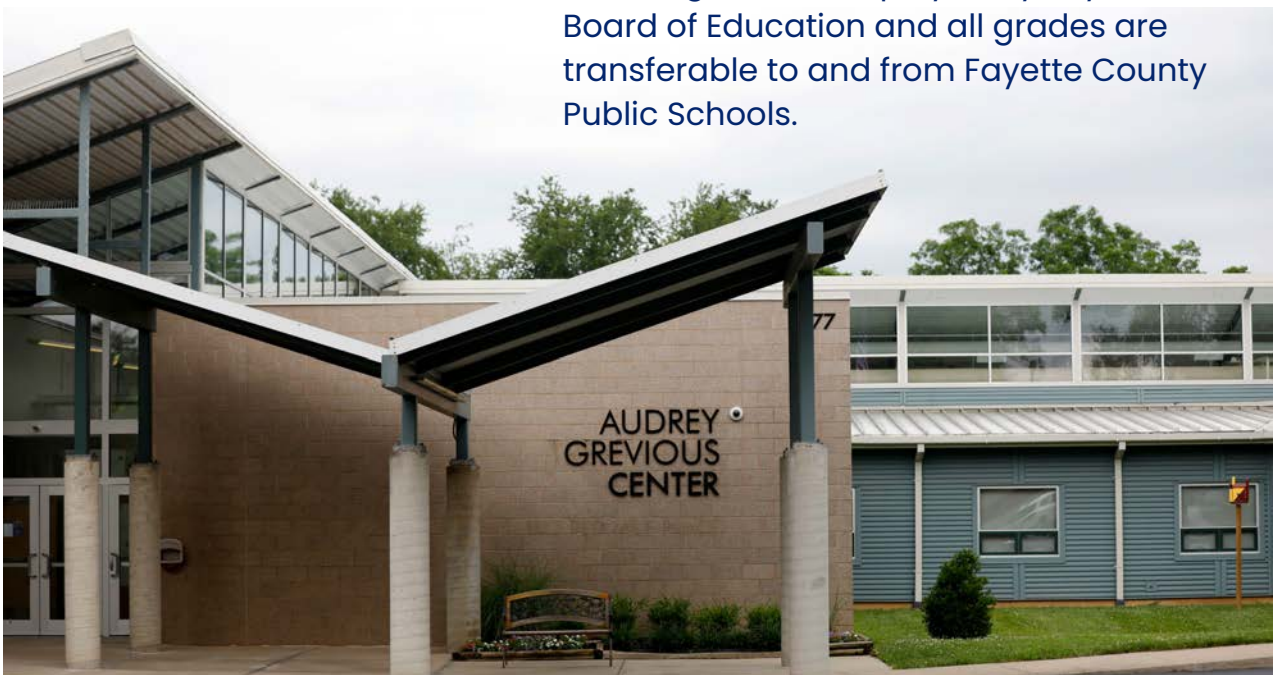
Audrey Grevious Center is a day treatment center and non-traditional school all in one. Students, ages 12 – 17, learn the behavior, academic, and social skills needed to transfer back to their home schools to graduate.

Therapeutic services:

All youth in the program must participate in group and individual sessions with their assigned social worker. Groups cover a wide range of topics including the social skill building areas of mindfulness, communication, decision-making, anger management, conflict resolution, mood regulation, employability and developing healthy relationships. Individual counseling is also provided to youth at least once per week for one hour with their assigned social worker. All counseling services are provided by a master's level social workers (MSW), certified social worker (CSW) or licensed clinical social worker (LCSW).

Educational Services:

Middle school youth are placed on a contract related to the three main components of our phase system – attendance, behavior and academic achievement to achieve promotion to high school. High school youth earn credits as they complete assignments to earn credits required for high school graduation. The teaching staff is employed by Fayette County Board of Education and all grades are transferable to and from Fayette County Public Schools.



CASA OF LEXINGTON

Location:

3245 Loch Ness Dr.
Lexington, Ky. 40517

Phone: (859) 246-4313

Our mission:

CASA of Lexington's trained and supervised volunteers advocate through the Family Court System to ensure all victims of child abuse and neglect are safe and thrive in a permanent home.

Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers are regular people who speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children. They go through training and are sworn in by a judge, then assigned to children involved in local family court cases.

CASA volunteers get to know the child or children on their cases — what their interests are, how they're doing in school, who they look up to. They also interview adults involved in the children's lives, including biological parents, foster parents, teachers, counselors and doctors. And they have access to all records concerning the children, enabling them to gain a thorough understanding of each child's situation and what they need to succeed.

CASA volunteers compile what they learn into reports they file before court hearings in their children's cases. The judge on the case gets the CASA report, including recommendations on what would be in the best interest of the child, in advance of the hearing. The report helps inform the judge's decisions, with the ultimate goal of shortening the length of the case and returning each child to a safe, loving and permanent home as quickly as possible.



JUVENILE PROBATION & COURT SERVICES

Location:

1155 Harry Sykes Way
Lexington, KY 40504

Phone: (859) 246-4311

Our mission:

To provide probation services for court-involved youth in an effort to decrease delinquency, as well as provide court related services to the Fayette County District Court. Emphasis is placed on developing youth competency, holding youth accountable, and identifying risk factors that would jeopardize community safety, and to notify the court of non-compliance.

This program provides various community-based support services to assist the courts and juvenile justice system in delivering the highest quality supervision for Fayette County youth.

Services include:

- Monitoring and supervising youth placed on probation by the Court
- Development and implementation of individualized probation plans
- Drug screening
- At home detention and curfew monitoring program
- Referrals to community resources based on youth or family needs. Monitoring pre-adjudicated youth who have been placed on Court ordered terms for curfew compliance, school attendance, and facilitation of drug testing.
- GPS and electronic monitoring

Our Juvenile Surveillance Program pairs a probation officer with a Lexington police officer. The team go out at night to conduct curfew and home detention checks.



PARENT & GUARDIAN EMPOWERMENT

Location

Black and Williams Neighborhood Center
498 Georgetown St.
Lexington, Ky. 40508

Phone: (859) 300-5330

Our mission:

The service philosophy of Parent and Guardian Empowerment is to provide youth under the age of 18, who are navigating their adolescent years, and their families with specialized case management services.

Parent and Guardian Empowerment assists young people in reaching their highest potential by offering free positive opportunities and programs for youth. PAGE strives to help parents/guardians to gain the support, skills and confidence they need to guide and motivate their youth while reducing conflict. In turn, the parents/guardians feel empowered.

Experienced social workers work with each family to assess challenges and problems, then develop a service plan with the goal of preventing future behavior issues and reducing the chances of conflict with family, peers, and charges filed in juvenile court.



OUR TEAMS

Commissioner of Department of Social Services – Kacy Allen-Bryant

Youth Services Administration

Director – Briana Persley

Administrative Specialist, Sr – Sandy Goree

Audrey Grevious Center

Program Administrator – Sylvia LaRue

Staff: Sarah Jo Harsch, Jennifer Haynes, Patricia "Renaye" Mott, Ozon Mitchell, Robin Taylor, Eugene Thomas, Leroy Thomas, India Thomason and Gary Young

CASA of Lexington

Executive Director – Melynda Jamison

Staff: 10 non-LFUCG positions

Juvenile Probation & Court Services

Program Administrator – Matthew Crutcher

Staff: Christopher Adkins, Richard Bello, Paul Canter, Ciera Coronado, Peggy Floyd, Samantha Lucas and Leigh Shotton

Parent and Guardian Empowerment

Program Administrator – Kelly Justice

Staff: Josie Elder, La'Yvonne Sensabaugh and Tera Sullivan



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